

Historical exhibit clarifies regional history

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Alestle Reporter

The Lovejoy Library is currently hosting the traveling history exhibit, "Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country," which is on display to the public through March 2.

The exhibit showcases a unique perspective of the historical expedition. Rather than portraying the typical viewpoint of the journey through the eyes of Lewis and Clark themselves, it aims to show the perspective of the Native American tribes who lived along the explorers' path.

SIUE history professor Rowena McClinton, who teaches Native American studies, said the exhibit did a good job of showcasing the Native American perspective.

"They just did a remarkable job in collecting the items that ... explain the Indian point of view," McClinton said. "I think it tells the audience the complexity of Indian life and the multiple tribes that [Lewis and Clark] encountered along the way."

According to the exhibit it-

self, the group of explorers, also known as the Corps of Discovery, encountered more than 50 different Native American tribes on their way to the Pacific. McClinton said many tribes along the route were shocked at what they saw when the expedition would arrive.

"All these tribes had different languages, different customs, and it was the first time that Native Americans had seen this many white people come through their country," McClinton said. "They had seen individual traders ... but this was a military group who was coming through, and I think just the size of that group was startling to Native Americans."

The exhibit consists of 28 large panels that, once assembled, link together to form a double-sided display that shows pictures of handmade maps, art and the research and information that accompanies it all. There is also a glass case containing related literature and other associated media.

The exhibit is a result of efforts from the Newberry Library of Chicago with assistance from the American Library Association

and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its first showing was in October 2007 at Purdue University, and it has made 25 stops across the country since then. SIUE is the second to last stop for the exhibit, after which it will travel to Marquette University for its final showing.

McClinton, history professor Robert Paulett, philosophy professor Gregory Fields and Lewis and Clark Center Director Brad Winn will lead a panel discussion on the exhibit that will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at Lovejoy Library.

Lecture at Lovejoy Library

Carolyn Gilman, special projects historian for the Missouri History Museum, gave a free lecture titled "Lewis and Clark meet the Indians" on Sunday.

Gilman, who has been with the museum for 20 years, is a published author and well-known scholar in the field of Native American studies.

According to Gilman, she began focusing on the Lewis and



Visitors take in the Lewis & Clark traveling exhibit in Lovejoy Library following a lecture given by Carolyn Gilman, special projects historian for the Missouri History Museum Sunday. The 28 panel exhibit has journeyed to 26 different locations throughout the country since 2007.

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St. Louis veterans welcomed home



Starting as Facebook group that exploded into a movement of thousands, The Make January 28th Welcome Home the Heroes from Iraq Day and The Mission Continues national nonprofit organizations challenged the St. Louis community to reach out and participate in the welcome home parade that was held at noon Saturday in downtown St. Louis. The parade is the first of its kind in the nation to welcome home post-9/11 servicemen and women. The organizations invited the community to donate, participate or volunteer to aid in the effort to welcome home war veterans from overseas.

Phil Kuhne, 72, of St. Louis, who served two years in Japan in the U.S. Army, attended with his wife of 43 years, Madelyn. Their son Pat recently returned from serving in the Seabee Reserves of the Navy in Afghanistan.

"I think it's pretty neat. We're the only [city] in the United States doing it. We're number one, right?" Kuhne said.

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Speech comm major lands internship with Hauser Group

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SIUE Jenna Matzer, of Crystal Lake, knows how rewarding perseverance is.

She is living her aspirations of working in public relations in downtown St. Louis at the Hauser Group public relations firm.

The 22-year-old senior speech communications major, with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in psychology just earned a spring internship with the Hauser Group in early December. She started the internship Jan. 4 and will go until the end of the semester.

According to their website, the Hauser Group "provides public relations and strategic counsel for approximately 15 clients in a wide range of industries located across the region and around the country," including Metro St. Louis, American Lung Association and U.S. Cellular.

Kelly Harris, the Hauser



Jenna Matzer

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Group's public relations director and internship mentor, said the organization holds internships in the fall, spring and summer semesters every year. Two to three interns are accepted each semester.

"We chose [Jenna] because we thought she was a good fit," Harris said.

Matzer said she does a lot of writing in the position—writing press releases for the group's clients, conducting follow-up phone calls to the clients to make sure the companies will run the releases in circulation, doing monthly reports and working on public service announcements.

The only employees in the company who also run the Hauser Group are Harris, senior account

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Clark expedition in the late '90s when she was put in charge of organizing the Lewis and Clark National Bicentennial exhibition, another travelling exhibit that toured from 2004-2006. She also wrote book that went along with the exhibition.

Gilman said the imbalance in perspective has helped perpetuate some misconceptions that surround the Lewis and Clark expedition, but this exhibit helps clear up at least one of them.

"The popular image of the Lewis and Clark expedition is two guys paddling a canoe by themselves or accompanied by one Indian woman, when, in fact, it was a pretty major military expedition," Gilman said. "They set out with over 40 men in a large boat and continued across the mountains with 30 men. It was a large group of people, not two guys and a canoe."

Gilman said she was personally invited by the library to give the lecture. While familiar with lecturing on the topic, she said she had never given a lecture related to this particular exhibit before and was very impressed by the display.



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"The Newberry Library always produces very high quality exhibits, and this was no exception," Gilman said. "I think the particular focus that they chose was a really good one because ... today scholars are much more interested in the way [Lewis and Clark] interacted with the Indian

tribes that they met."

Traveling exhibit

According to Humanities Librarian Julia Hansen, in order to get the exhibition here at SIUE, a grant application was filed with the ALA back in 2006. Reference Librarian Kathy Bouman and Director of User

Services Charlotte Johnson wrote the proposal for the grant, and received approval in 2007.

Hansen said the Lewis and Clark story has such strong ties to the region that getting the exhibition in this community was not only important, but practically a necessity.

"In terms of history and geography, this travelling exhibit should be in this area," Hansen said. "The library already had a history of supporting the Lewis and Clark exhibit when we did a lot of work for the bicentennial."

According to Hansen, a scholarly exhibit such as this has an enlightening impact on those who see it.

"Taking something from a world-renowned research library like [Newberry] and bringing it to Edwardsville has expanded students' worlds, and the community's world," Hansen said.

Graduate student Kurt Stecker of Chesterfield, Mo., said everyone should know the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the exhibit helps accomplish that.

"I think it's essential history. It's local, it's relevant and it's interesting history," Stecker said. "My wife is from China and she's been here only six months. Lewis and Clark are one of the things I felt she had to know about because it's essential American history."

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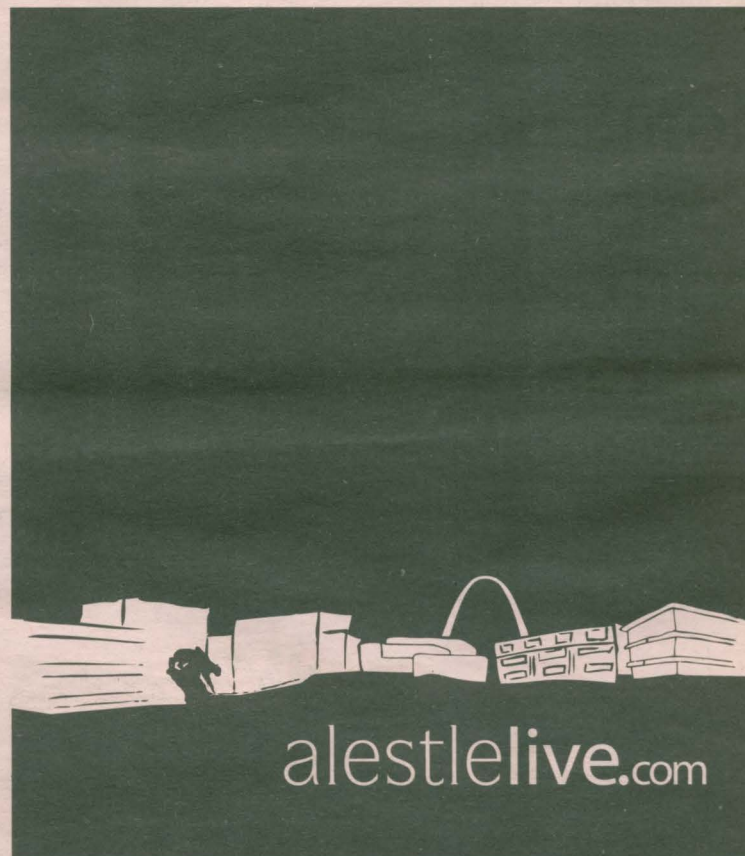
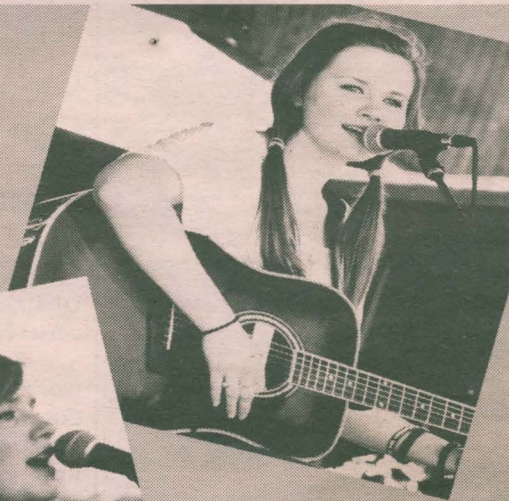
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Pamela Powell, account executive Susan Newsham and President Julie Hauser.

"It is a great company. They are all extremely close," Matzer said of the company's five women who run the organization. "In the future, I hope to kind of make my mark there and if they ever needed a position, [they will hopefully] remember that intern named Jenna," Matzer said.

Landing the internship

In fall 2007, Matzer was majoring in SIUE's nursing program and did not figure PR would be in the crosshairs for any future plans.

"As I started taking my classes, I realized I hated it. I hated my life," Matzer said. "It just wasn't for me. [They were] interesting classes, but I just realized when I got down here that it wasn't something suited for me."

Matzer became interested in PR when she took Introduction to Public Relations in fall 2010. It was there she was introduced to Stacey Howard, a speech communication professor who would help her cultivate her interest in public relations.

In spring 2011, Matzer took Applied Public Relations and Technology Applications in Public Relations, which centered on the writing aspect of public relations, such as blogging, news releases and public service announcements.

"[PSAs] are the easiest, but to me, it's the least interesting," Matzer said. "I used to think news releases were difficult. Now that I am doing my internship and I am actually writing them for clients,

I see myself actually getting better."

Matzer heard about the Hauser Group through a public relations professional panel that Howard assembled in fall 2010. Harris was on that panel.

Howard said public relations professional panels are events she holds at the end of the semester, and now also at the beginning, where professionals in the field come and talk to students about what it is like in the work force.

"When Kelly was talking about the Hauser Group, it just, for some reason, stuck in my mind," Matzer said. "So, when I was applying for internships, I decided to apply because I remembered her. They are a well-known successful PR firm. Now, why wouldn't I apply?"

A year later at the end of 2011, Matzer found herself sitting on the panel giving advice to students in public relations about how to obtain an internship having been accepted to two herself.

One was at the St. Louis Science Center, which she turned down, and the other was at the Hauser Group.

"She got a lot of the questions directed at her," Howard said. "In fact, some of the other professionals kind of joked and said, 'We might as well go home,' because [students] were really gearing in on Jenna and getting some feedback because she had just gone through the process of applying for internships."

Matzer said she held her own during the panel.

"It was kind of awkward at first," she said. "Talking to a PR professional is really helpful, but I was where [the students] were currently."

Matzer's other endeavors

In addition to her internship and five years at SIUE, Matzer has also served for four years at SIUE's chapter of Alpha Phi International, which is affiliated with Greek life. Positions she has had include Alpha Phi include chaplain, a member on the Greek Council and publicity and advertising chairperson.

She has also served as the entertainment chairwoman on Up 'til Dawn, a student organization sponsored by the Greek Council and centered on raising money for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Matzer is currently serving as Up 'til Dawn's public relations chairwoman until she graduates.

As graduation looms four months away, Matzer is keeping her options open on where she will go next with the possibility of mastering in health communications at SIUE.

"[I'm going] to apply for jobs and apply for internships," Matzer said. "Grad school has crossed my mind. With that, I would try to do something in public relations for healthcare facilities."

No matter where she ends up after the internship and graduation, Matzer said students should never give up on following what they are content in doing with their life.

"There's going to be times when you want to give up. If you do find something you enjoy, it's going to pay off in the end. It's rewarding," Matzer said. "There are little things along the way that you get out of your hard work. It makes up for the stress."

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SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

1-26-12

A subject reported that he left his iPhone 4 near the large-screen TV in the Morris University Center. It was missing when he returned to pick it up.

An officer responded to Lot 4C regarding a two-vehicle traffic accident. Unit 2 was not on scene at time of accident. Dispatch made contact with Unit 2 and he responded to the scene.

The sister of a student called and said the student received a message via Twitter from several people threatening to beat her up.

1-27-12

An officer responded to a two-vehicle traffic accident. One vehicle was towed per the owner's request.

An officer was patrolling the Prairie Hall Lot when two males were seen near a vehicle. Consent to search was given and nothing was found.

An officer checked on two vehicles parked at the Mississippi River Festival site. The occupants were talking and were told to leave the area.

1-28-12

Several officers responded to a call of a disturbance at Woodland Hall Circle where two cars full of people were threatening to fight. This was a continuation of an incident that occurred elsewhere

Several officers came across a minor two-vehicle traffic accident. The officer issued a citation to Kahley Boes for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

1-29-12

An officer issued Bernice L. Farlow a citation for speeding 44 mph in a 25 mph zone on North University Drive at P2 Road.

1-30-12

An officer issued Jessica R. Brandon a citation for failure to yield at an intersection following a two-vehicle traffic accident on South University Drive at Stadium Drive. Both vehicles were towed per the owners' request.

An officer took a report of a hangtag lost in Lot C on Jan. 4.

An officer took a walk-in report regarding roommate trouble. One roommate caught another roommate using her belongings.

An officer responded to Lot B regarding a two-vehicle traffic accident. Edwardsville Ambulance was dispatched. The passenger of one vehicle was transported to Anderson Hospital.

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Panetta says U.S. combat mission in Afghanistan will end next year

Nancy A. Youssef
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON—The U.S. military plans to change the focus of its Afghanistan mission from combat to training local forces by the end of 2013, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Wednesday, apparently accelerating the timeline for Afghan forces to take over security responsibilities from NATO troops.

Panetta's comments to reporters traveling with him to Brussels—where he was scheduled to attend a meeting of NATO defense chiefs beginning Thursday—marked the first time that a top Pentagon official had stamped an earlier end date on the decade-old U.S. combat mission in Afghanistan.

However, U.S. troops will remain in Afghanistan at least through 2014, when all NATO combat forces are scheduled to withdraw from the country.

"Hopefully, by the mid- to latter part of 2013, we'll be able to make a transition from a combat role to a training, advise and assist role," Panetta said. He added that this "doesn't mean we're not going to be combat-ready," but rather that the U.S. and other international forces will no longer be in "the formal combat role we're in now."

The announcement appeared to be an effort to assure a war-weary American public—in an election year—that the Obama administration was charting a clear exit from Afghanistan. But it was also about semantics: By calling the U.S. troops deployed in Afghanistan trainers, not combat forces, it suggests their mission will involve less fighting and the U.S. will suffer fewer casualties.

Of course, commanders will point out that there is no such thing as a non-combat soldier, and U.S. troops continued to suffer losses in Iraq when the mission there switched from combat to what the Pentagon dubbed an "advise and assist" role.

It was not immediately clear whether the announcement would lead to an accelerated withdrawal of U.S. forces. From the 90,000 U.S. troops currently stationed in Afghanistan, the Pentagon plans to draw down to 68,000 by the end of September 2012—far more than most think would be needed to train.

Panetta told reporters the administration still had not determined the number of trainers needed.

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Black Heritage Month February 2012

AFRICA, MY ROOTS:
America, My Home



Schedule of Events

Friday, February 3 – Sunday, February 5
Black Theater Workshop — Where is the Love?

Feb. 3 & 4 – 7:30 PM; Feb. 5 – 2 PM

Artistic Director – Kathryn Bently

Student Director – Sharaina Turnage

This annual SIUE student created, performed and directed production is a potpourri of scenes, monologues, songs and poetry.

Tuesday, February 7

Dr. King Jr. Birthday Celebration 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

SIUE's annual birthday celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King Jr. will feature guest speaker Honorable Alvin Parks, Mayor of the City of East St. Louis. The event will include lunch, special performances, and recognition of award recipients.

Students: \$15 General Public: \$20

Call Educational Outreach at 618.650.3210 to purchase tickets.

Thursday, February 9

Caribbean Sounds – SIUE Steel 12 Noon – 1 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Join us for a performance by SIUE Steel, a group of talented steel pan players and learn the history of steel pan and its relation to African American heritage and the African American experience.

Speak on It 7 PM – 9:30 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Enjoy an evening of spoken word and poetic verse of the past, present and future exploring issues and solutions.

Co-sponsored by One Mic Poetry

Friday, February 10

Ninth Annual Gospel Explosion 7 PM – 10 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Join us for an inspirational evening to spread the gospel of healing, reconciliation, and unity to the campus and community. The event will feature gospel music, poetry, rap and praise dance.

Monday, February 13

Motown Review 12 Noon – 1 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Learn about the history of Motown and its impact on Rock 'N Roll and on American music.

Wednesday, February 15

Djembe Drums 12 Noon – 1 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Stop by and decorate a complimentary drum while supplies last.

Thursday, February 16

Health Fair: A Celebration of Health, 2012 10 AM – 2 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come and celebrate your health through health screenings and evaluations. Learn how simple lifestyle changes and acquaintance with community health care providers can improve your health in 2012 and beyond. The program will feature a performance by the Community Performance Ensemble and a fitness demonstration.

Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show 7 PM – 10 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Come watch SIUE students as they take their turn on stage showcasing their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents.

Friday, February 17

The Great Debaters 7 PM

Science Building, Room 1105

This touching drama starring Denzel Washington and Forrest Whitaker is based on the true story of Mel Tolson, a professor at Wiley College who inspired his students to form the school's first debate team. This group of kids was the first African American team to ever go up against Harvard and defeated the famed debate team in the national championships.

Thursday, February 23

Quiz Me to My Roots 7 PM – 9:30 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come and test your knowledge of African American history and trivia facts Jeopardy!® style for a chance to win a cool prize such as, an iPad, gift cards, etc.

Saturday, February 25

Africa Night 6 PM – 10 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

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General Public: \$13

Call the MUC Information Center at 618.650.5555 to purchase tickets.

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Staff Editorial: Reinstate MRF to benefit campus

The Mississippi River Festival, affectionately known as MRF throughout the region, was an outdoor summer concert series held on SIUE's campus that began in 1969 and welcomed an estimated one million plus visitors during its 12-year span. Legendary musical groups of the era performed their hits in the natural amphitheater MRF called home.

Until the grounds closed in 1980, people flocked from all around the area to hear numerous musical genres from bluegrass to blues and folk to funk. Looking at a list of who performed at the MRF is like looking at a top 40 list for the times: The Who, Jefferson Starship, REO Speedwagon, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, The Eagles, The Beach Boys, The Grateful Dead, Janis Joplin, B.B. King, Tina Turner... we could go on.

MRF brought increased revenue and exposure to the area, and moreover, the SIUE campus as a whole. Bringing MRF back and building it upon a modernized version of the original founding principles would bring about the same effect in the area.

SIUE is all about the national recognition for our academics and that's good, but not all prospective

students are going to be looking at just academics when choosing schools. Campus life and social activities play a big role in school selection as well, which is why bringing the MRF back would benefit the campus. It not only gives students something to do, but something to do on campus, which would help students feel more connected to the university.

Our current musical landscape doesn't easily allow for things like this to exist, but they still do. Coachella, SXSW and Lollapalooza are just a few of the legendary music festivals of our day. Now imagine if the MRF was still on that list.

Sure, the school would be and should be worried about the things that come along with outdoor concerts, namely alcohol and drugs. But those things are going to happen even without the MRF. Despite all of that, the MRF would be great for SIUE because it would bring in money, more students and more national recognition. There are risks, as with everything, but we think bringing the festival back would be worth its risks.

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Mississippi River Festival



Courtesy of Steve Kerber

Letter to the Editor: New changes to come in advising

In response to the staff editorial addressing academic advising in the Jan. 26 edition of the Alestle, I am pleased to share some recent developments as well as provide clarification about existing resources. SIUE has made significant changes in providing quality academic advising services during the past few years. All students now have a full-time professional academic adviser from their first term through graduation. The next step is to have enough advisers so that all new students can be assigned to a specific adviser. This case-load approach will provide students more personalized attention as they progress toward graduation. The process for adding more advisers has begun.

The mission of academic advising at SIUE is "to guide students in formulating educational plans and to assist students in achieving their academic, career and personal goals at the university." Our objective is to help students identify their goals, plan the courses needed to

achieve these goals and help modify the plan as students' goals and circumstances change. In order to reach this objective and keep the plan on track, all students must meet with an adviser at least once per semester.

The short-term goals of a sophomore might be quite different from the short-term goals of a senior. The needs of a 4.0 student may be different from the needs of a student with a 2.0 GPA. A new freshman may need assistance in choosing a major; a junior may need to learn about internship possibilities. All students at all levels can benefit from meeting with a professional adviser whose focus is to help them move from where they are to where they want to be. Advising is more than just selecting the right courses.

This is not to deny that one of the most basic goals all students have is to choose the right courses. There are a variety of university resources available to students to assist in this process. The Undergraduate Catalog provides

information regarding academic policies, requirements for each major and descriptions of all courses. Curriculum guides are detailed four year plans for every major that include all General Education requirements as well as all major requirements. We also encourage students to complete My Academic Plan prior to meeting with an adviser. The MAP provides step-by-step instructions that help students understand exactly why they need to take particular courses.

It is once again that time of the semester when all students need to schedule an appointment with their advisers. Utilizing the resources available to you will ensure that you have a strong understanding of the classes you need to take. This understanding guarantees that you and your adviser can decide on appropriate courses as well as focus on the larger issues that impact your success. Remember: Our goal is to help you achieve your goals.

Cheryl Tucker-Loewe, director of Academic Advising

Letter to the Editor: Academic advisers deserve more credit

Regarding the editorial posted on Thursday Jan. 26, 2012, I am dismayed. As does every academic department, academic advising does have its flaws, but this editorial harshly discredited the work of the advisers. I happen to work in an office adjacent to a departmental advising office and know the work the advisers exude and how much they do care about the students.

The PIN system makes sense for students to use. If student PINs did not exist, they would not have staggered registration days.

Have you ever tried to register for classes at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of ability? The server is overloaded and slow. Imagine every student in the school trying to register at the same time. This also gives professors, instructors and advisers more time to respond to students' problems and questions with registration.

Having students required to visit an adviser every semester is actually an amenity at SIUE. Many students think they could go all four years without the assistance of an adviser, but without advisement, students

may take the wrong courses and therefore take longer to graduate. It is also a nice comfort to have someone to check in and be available for support, questions or problems during course work.

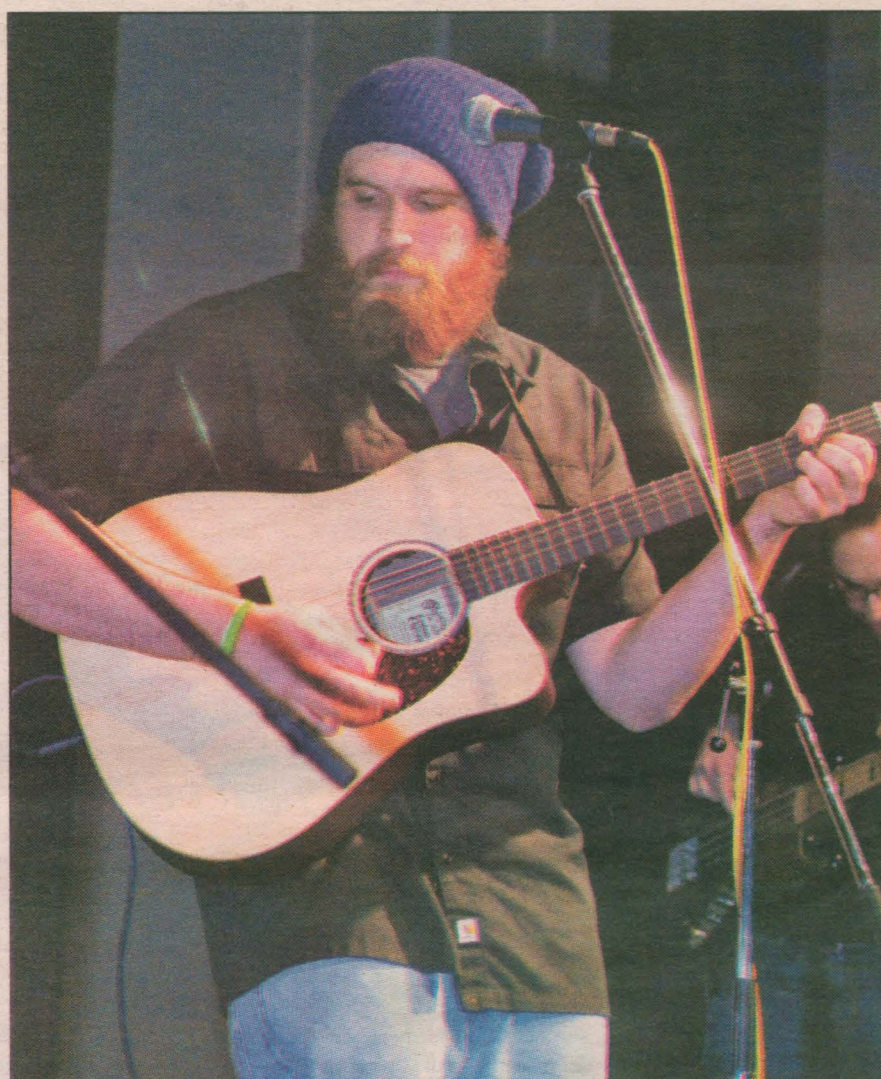
Finally, students should be relieved, or even excited, at the chance to switch to a more specific advisement office. By meeting with a department-specific adviser, students' questions may be answered quicker, more personally and possibly more accurately. After all, advisers are only there to help.

Kelsey Norris

Should SIUE bring back the Mississippi River Festival?
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Broken Hands is no broken record

Battle of the Bands Winner Showcase



ASHLEY SEERING
Alestle Lifestyles Editor

The Broken Hands Band walked away from the Campus Activities Board's Battle of the Bands with new fans and \$800.

The self-described blues rock band performed Friday in the Meridian Ballroom in front of a large group of strangers. But they won the crowd and judges over with their onstage enthusiasm and musical abilities.

Bass player Nick Sacco said the SIUE setting was appealing.

"We weren't really sure what we were getting ourselves into," Sacco said, "but the crowd was really receptive to every band."

Sacco said their onstage energy is something that set The Broken Hands Band apart from the other competitors.

"Zack, our lead singer, gives off a lot of energy, and people really feed off of that," Sacco said. "I think our live show is what separates us."

CAB Concerts Chair Wil Rogers, of Petersburg, said the judges use certain criteria to score the bands.

"[They] use a 10 point scale with different categories like crowd interaction, music abilities, set up and break down and stage presence," Rogers said. "This year it was really close. There was only a four-point difference between first, second and third."

The Broken Hands Band Guitarist Dave Maness said being on stage is therapeutic.

"It's a great way to let loose," Maness said. "It's not like your average day to day thing."

The band, who has been together for about five years, plans to divide up the \$800 in winnings.

"The idea is to split the winnings four ways and use it to improve our musical equipment," Sacco said. "We would love to come back and play next year."

For more information visit reverbnation.com/thebrokenhandsband.

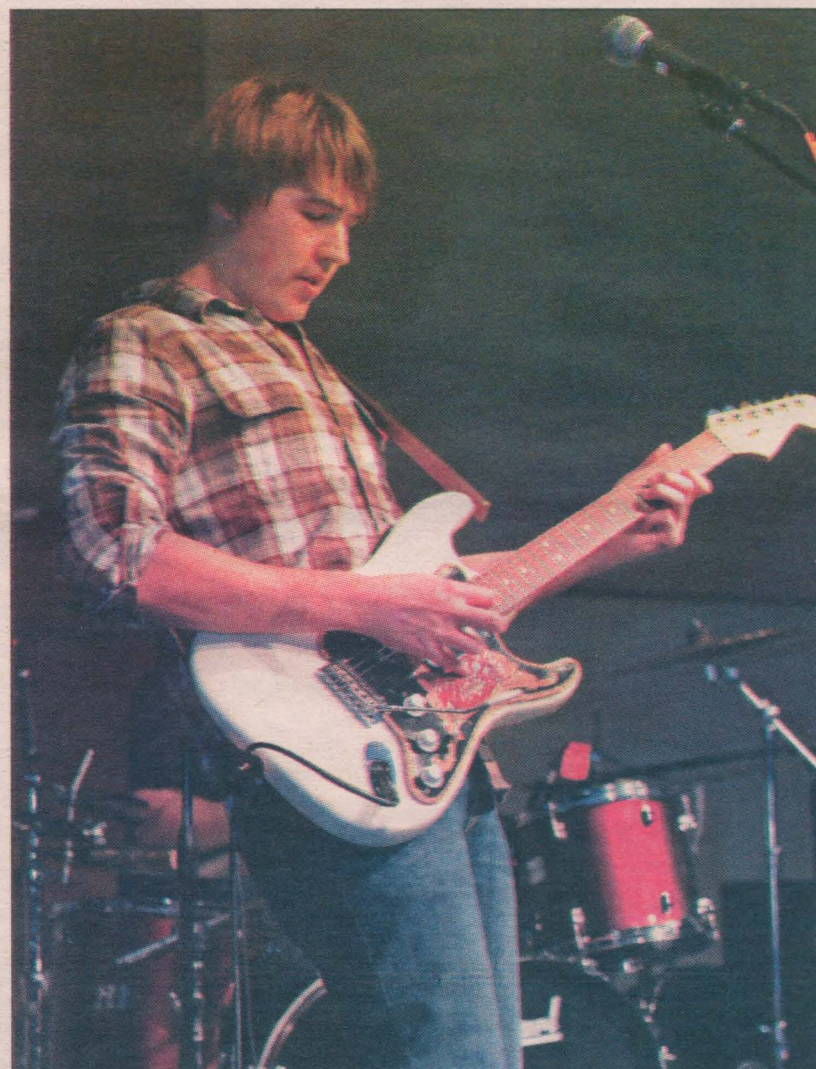
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Left: Mid-competition, singer "Captain Bluebeard" and bassist Nick "Mambo Jambo" Sacco, both of the Broken Hands Band, perform their blues-rock sound for the SIUE audience. The Broken Hands Band is comprised of four musicians.

Top right: Strumming out a guitar riff, Broken Hands Band member "Doc Tweed" played with the winners of SIUE's Battle of the Bands at the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. Bass player Nick Sacco said their energy is what set them apart from the other bands.

Bottom right: Slowing down, The Broken Hands Band singer and guitarist "Captain Bluebeard" picks up his acoustic before winning the first place prize of \$800 at the annual SIUE contest. The band has a few ideas for the won money and hopes it will contribute to their future musical endeavors.

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Black Theater Workshop promotes expression in culture

LEXI CORTES
Alestle Opinion Editor

Students who attend the Black Theater Workshop performance will experience something that has never been seen or done before and was created entirely by their classmates.

It includes 16 student performers, led by three student directors, showcasing 17 submitted pieces of work. There will be music, dancing, singing, poetry, scenes, monologues and even art in the set design to convey the message: "Where is the love?"

BTW has promoted creativity in the performances for the last 14 years. It was originally brought to the university by late professor Lisa Colbert, who wanted to give students another opportunity to perform if they were not given the chance due to prejudice.

Junior theater performance major Josh Wold, of Reno, Nev., a dancer and choreographer in the performance, said it is a thriving tradition that has survived the years.

"It was built for disenfranchised people and people who, back in the day, wouldn't necessarily get parts due to skin tone, sexual preferences," Wold said. "I think it's important because we're all Americans. We're all people, and that's what people need to start understanding."

Junior mass communications major Carrie Dougherty, of O'Fallon, Ill., a dancer in the performance, said the production is a well-done culture mass up.

"It's not specific to African American people, which I think is awesome because it gives me a chance to be involved with it," Dougherty said. "It's kind of a coming together moment."

Senior theater performance major Sharaina Turnage, of Chicago, is one of the three directors for the performance. She created the theme after an eye-opening trip to South America last summer.

"Coming from there, I realized that the people seemed to be a lot nicer to for-



As a part of the Group Dance at the Black Theater Workshop, a group of students combine African, funk and hip hop dance styles. The workshop took place at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Metcalf Theater.

| Photo courtesy of Kalin Haydon

eigners ... as opposed to America," Turnage said. "I went to Suriname. It's a very multicultural country. Even though they may have come from different backgrounds, they all see themselves as one, as Surinamese. I'm like, 'Why don't they see that in America? Where is the love?'"

Students were able to submit their works earlier this month and, when the directors were able to narrow down those that supported the theme, one was chosen. The performers have been working on that chosen piece ever since.

Dougherty said, as a first time participant in BTW, she was impressed by the chosen submissions.

"It's creative freedom at its finest in the theater department," Dougherty said. "It's just local students with creativity that they want to share, whether it be their favorite piece in an already distinct play or a personally written monologue or a poem or a dance. It's

a great opportunity for them to get that out there for others to enjoy it."

Dougherty said she is most excited about the high energy, high tempo, African dance she gets to participate in.

"It's like this little part of me that's tucked away that no-

body even knows about," Dougherty said. "I happen to be good at African dance. When I perform in this, they're going to be like 'Oh my gosh. I didn't know she could do that.' It's definitely something I'm learning about myself."

Turnage agreed that the

dances are her favorite part this year, but she also has a particular scene that is significant to her.

"I choreographed a poem," Turnage said. "Imagine you're watching a mini play, but it's using the words of the poem. It was inspired by this article I read online where this scientist apparently proved that African American women were the least attractive out of all races. It kind of stemmed from that. I actually read the poem years ago, but after I read that article I kind of went back to it."

Turnage said students should expect some serious issues to be brought up in the performance, from self-identity to politics, but it will be something everyone can enjoy and get involved in. There will be a surprise for audience members just before intermission, according to Dougherty.

"There's a little audience participation," Dougherty said. "It's fun for us when we get to involve the audience, kind of break the fourth wall."

According to Wold, the whole performance is a celebration and collaboration of different people with a common love of performance and the arts.

"It's us working together and including an audience saying, 'Let's all have fun. Let's all be a community,'" Wold said.

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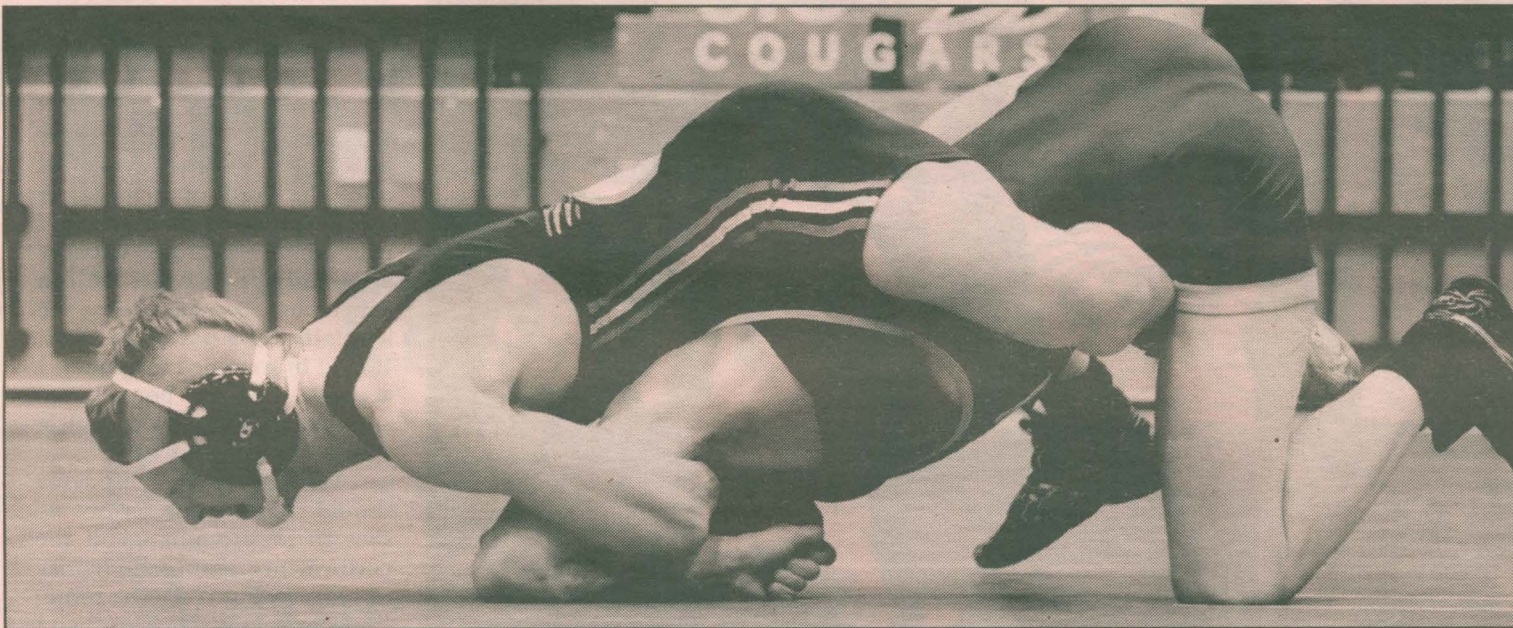
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Senior Steve Ross struggles to maintain his position atop Truman wrestler Jordan Powell en route to a 2-1 victory. Head Coach David Ray said while the Cougars wrestled well against Truman, they have to compete against stiffer competition: 'It doesn't matter what level the team is, you should wrestle with the same intensity every time.' | Photo by Rebekka Blake/Alestle



Men's basketball

Murray State	21-0	(9-0)
Southeast Missouri	12-9	(7-2)
Tennessee State	14-10	(7-4)
Tennessee Tech	14-9	(6-4)
Morehead State	12-11	(5-4)
Austin Peay	9-15	(6-5)
Eastern Kentucky	12-11	(5-5)
Jacksonville State	9-15	(4-6)
SIUE*	5-14	(3-7)
Eastern Illinois	9-12	(2-7)
UT Martin	3-20	(0-10)

Jan. 30 results

USC Upstate 82, Jacksonville State 77
Tennessee Tech 98, SIUE 80
Tennessee State 77, Austin Peay 57
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Jan. 28 results

Morehead State 56, Tennessee Tech 50
Jacksonville State 76, SIUE 65
Austin Peay 92, UT Martin 73
Murray State 73, Eastern Illinois 58
Tennessee State 91, E. Kentucky 85

Schedule for Feb. 2

Eastern Kentucky at Eastern Illinois
Southeast Missouri at Murray State
Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay
Jacksonville State at UT Martin
Morehead State at SIUE

Schedule for Feb. 4

Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville State
Morehead State at Eastern Illinois
Murray State at UT Martin
Eastern Kentucky at SIUE
Tennessee State at Southeast Missouri

Women's basketball

Eastern Illinois	17-4	(8-0)
UT Martin	13-8	(7-1)
SIUE*	12-8	(6-3)
Tennessee Tech	10-13	(6-3)
Eastern Kentucky	10-10	(5-4)
Murray State	8-13	(4-4)
Morehead State	7-13	(4-4)
Tennessee State	8-14	(4-6)
Southeast Missouri	5-17	(2-7)
Austin Peay	5-18	(2-8)
Jacksonville State	4-19	(1-9)

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Tennessee Tech 57, Morehead State 53
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Schedule for Jan. 4

Eastern Kentucky at SIUE
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Schedule for Jan. 6

Jacksonville State at UT Martin
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Morehead State at SIUE
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SIUE Athletics Upcoming events

Feb. 2	MBB vs. Morehead St.	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	Wrestling vs. S. Dakota St.	6:30 p.m.
	vs. Indiana	8 p.m.
Feb. 4	MBB vs. E. Kentucky	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	WBB vs. E. Kentucky	1 p.m.
Feb. 4	WTN at Bradley	1 p.m.



Wrestling wins one, loses two

JOHN LAYTON
Alestle Sports Editor

The wrestling team beat Truman but lost to No. 15 Missouri and Eastern Michigan Sunday.

Wrestling

Head Coach David Ray said while some of the wrestlers competed well in all three matches, others did not.

"We had some guys who wrestled well against Truman but didn't wrestle with the same toughness against Missouri and Eastern Michigan because they took a backseat to them," Ray said.

According to Ray, by taking a backseat the wrestlers were thinking they are second tier to these Division I programs.

"You have to beat them and you should wrestle like you can

beat them," Ray said.

According to Ray, the most frustrating thing as a coach is having wrestlers competing against guys they think they can beat but not competing against guys they do not think they can beat.

"You don't have to win; just go out and compete," Ray said. "It doesn't matter what level the team is, you should wrestle with the same intensity every time."

SIUE (4-11) beat Truman 32-12 in their first match. Despite losing three matches, Ray said it was an important win overall.

"It was a big improvement from the last time we wrestled Truman," Ray said.

Against Truman, in the 133-pound weight class, sophomore Brendan Murphy pinned Daniel Karlskin in 1:05. Sophomore Gabe Hocum pinned

Joshua Wells in 3:51 in the 174-pound match. Freshman Cole Rogers won by technical fall over Joel Geders, 17-2, in the 285-pound weight class.

In their second match, the Cougars lost to Missouri 42-0.

Ray said right now, Missouri is bigger and leaner than SIUE.

"We've got to lift. If our guys don't believe that, I don't know what mirror they're looking in," Ray said.

Because of that, Ray said there are things SIUE can learn from wrestling against one of the top 25 wrestling programs.

"All [Missouri] did is they competed hard. They're always in position and they're in position to score," Ray said. "Those are three things right there that our guys can do that would make them more effective immediately, every time they step

on the mat."

The Cougars lost their final match 38-6 to Eastern Michigan. In their only victories over Eastern Michigan, Murphy won by decision over Jacob Byers, 8-2, and freshman Cole Brandt won by decision over Michael Curby, 4-2.

Ray said, going forward, SIUE has to take what positives they can from Sunday's matches.

"You come to practice and work on positioning and technique. That'll make us better and make it easier for us to score and keep our opponents from scoring," Ray said.

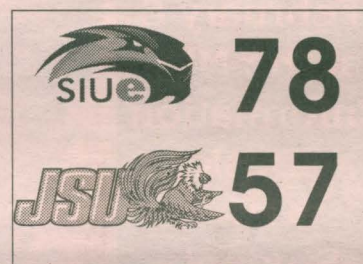
SIUE will host Indiana and South Dakota State at 5 p.m. Friday at the Vadalabene Center.

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Women tied for third in OVC



Sophomore guard Jazmin Hill leads the Cougars off the court. Head Coach Amanda Levens said the whole team contributed in the win over Jacksonville State. | Alestle file photo.



GABRIEL SIMPSON
Alestle Reporter

SIUE women's basketball recorded their 12th win Monday night as they routed Jacksonville State 78-57. With the win, the Cougars move into a third-place tie with Tennessee Tech in Ohio Valley Conference play.

Women's basketball

Head Coach Amanda Levens was happy to get a win on the road.

"When you play on the road back-to-back, you want to get off to a good start," Levens said.

"I am glad we were able to do that."

According to Levens, the whole team played a part in the victory because they came to play.

"Everyone contributed something to get the win," Levens said.

Despite Jacksonville State's (4-19 overall, 1-9 OVC) record on the season, Levens said the Cougars (12-8 overall, 5-3 OVC) knew this would not be an easy game.

"We knew that this would be a tough game," Levens said. "They are a good, young team that plays well at home."

Jacksonville State got off to a hot start in the game, taking an early lead after making eight of their first nine shots in the game.

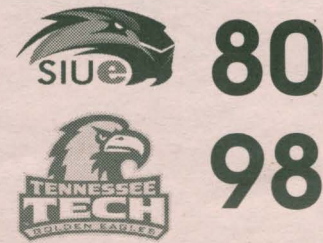
"We did a great job keeping our composure," Levens said.

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Men allow 50-point scorer, lose 98-80



Junior forward Jerome Jones had 25 points in the loss to Tennessee Tech Monday. Head Coach Lennox Forrester said despite the loss, the Cougars were aggressive on offense: 'I thought our guys were attacking the glass...' | Alestle file photo.



JOHN LAYTON
Alestle Sports Editor

Five Cougars scored in double digits but it did not matter Monday night, as SIUE lost to Tennessee Tech 98-80.

Men's basketball

Golden Eagles senior guard Kevin Murphy had 50 of Tennessee Tech's 98 points. SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said Murphy is one of the elite players in the Ohio Valley Conference and had an unbelievable night.

"It's something we're not proud

of, but the fact that he did it is a credit to how great of a player he is," Forrester said. "He is someone I thought could be player of the year in the conference."

While their offense played well, SIUE (5-14 overall, 3-7 OVC) could not keep up with the Golden Eagles (14-9 overall, 6-4 OVC) on defense.

Forrester said the Cougars suffer from a lack of attention to details on defense.

"There are certain things we ask of them. During the course of the game, they sometimes do the complete opposite," Forrester said. "I thought that's what hurt us last night, especially with Murphy."

SIUE has now lost six games in a row. Forrester said, going forward, the team has to start playing every possession like it is their last.

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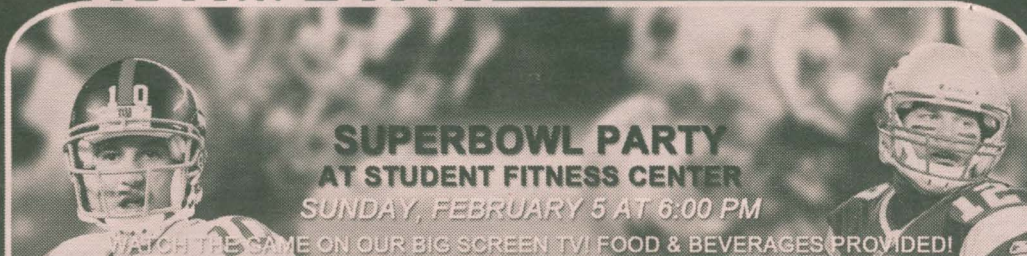
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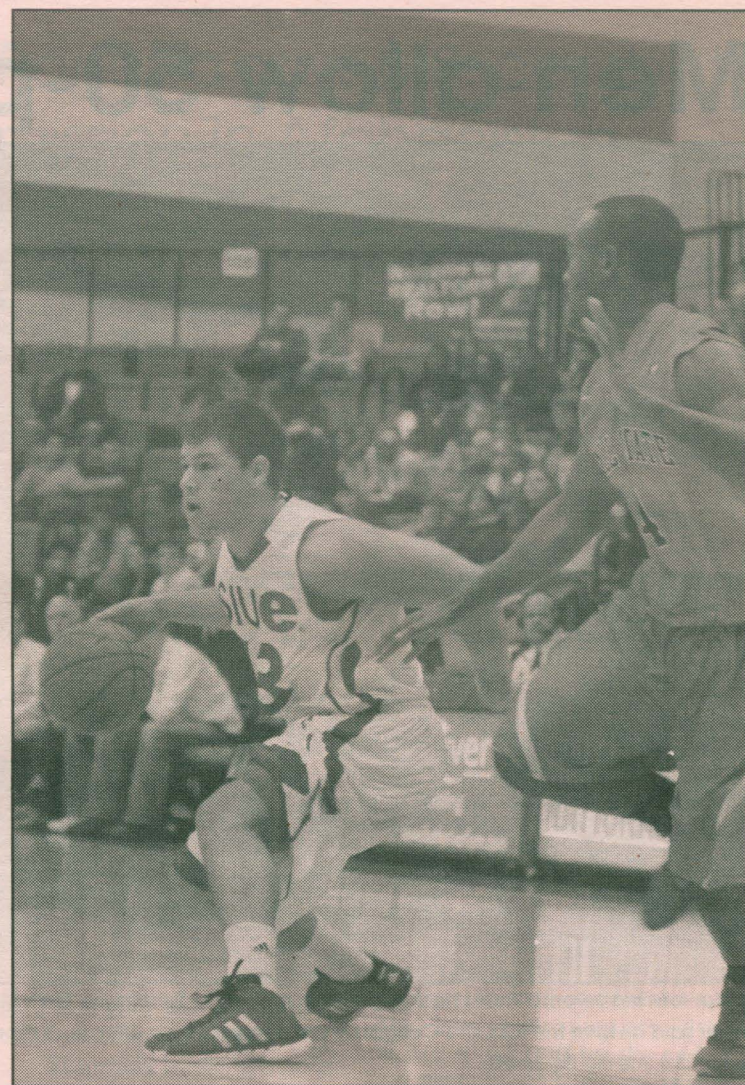
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Senior guard Kevin Stineman had 10 points and was one of five Cougars who scored in double digits Monday night. | Alestle file photo.

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"We're a team that has to do it for 40 minutes," Forrester said. "We do not have the luxury like some teams in our conference

that can take possessions off." According to Forrester, some, but not all, of their lackluster defensive plays can be attributed to their relative lack of experience. "Some of it comes down to them and their willingness to really put forth the effort to play a complete game for us to win," Forrester said.

However, the Cougars' offensive effort Monday night was in stark contrast to their defense. Junior forward Jerome Jones led the team with 25 points. Junior forward Mark Yelovich had a double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Freshman guard Kris Davis and junior forward Derian Shaffer both had 11 points and senior guard Kevin Stineman had 10.

Forrester said the Cougars did an effective job of taking good shots and being aggressive.

"We shot 29 free throws [Monday] night," Forrester said. "I thought our guys were attacking the glass and not just settling for threes."

Out of 64 total shots, SIUE attempted just 14 3-pointers. As a result, the Cougars had 22 points in the paint.

"We don't want to just be a jump-shooting team but also be able to score from the inside," Forrester said.

SIUE's next game will be at 7 p.m. Thursday against Morehead State at the Vadalabene Center.

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Freshman guard Tierny Austin was the second leading scorer for SIUE with 12 points and added four rebounds Monday night. | Alestle file photo.

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"[Jacksonville State] came out aggressive and made shots." Despite Jacksonville State's lead, the Cougars never trailed by more than three points. They maintained their defensive pressure and closed the first half on a 10-2 run to take a 13-point lead going into halftime. According to Levens, that run was the turning point in the game.

"We settled in and got stops and some made shots," Levens said. "Once we got the lead, we were

able to keep it."

The Cougars kept up the defensive pressure, holding Jacksonville state to 37 percent shooting in the second half. The Cougars forced 18 turnovers in the game, scoring 19 points off them.

The Cougars will host Eastern Kentucky at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

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